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painted white with black figures, nine inches high to indicate the vertical clearance under the closed draw at all stages of the tide. The gages shall be so placed on the bridge that they are plainly visible to operators of vessels approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

(b) The draw of the Conrail railroad bridge, mile 0.3, and the Reading railroad bridge, mile 0.3 both at Easington, shall operate as follows:

(1) From May 15 through October 15:

(i) From 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., the draw need not be opened for the passage of vessels.

(ii) Between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m., the draw shall open on signal at 7:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m. and at all other times during these hours, if an opening will not unduly delay railroad operations.

(2) From October 16 through May 14, the draws shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given.

(3) Any vessel which has passed through one of these bridges shall be passed through the draw of the other bridge without delay. When open for the passage of any vessel, these bridges shall remain open sufficiently long to permit the passage through both bridges of all vessels waiting to pass.

(4) The draws shall open as soon as possible for an emergency or vessel in distress.

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§ 117.904 Delaware River.

See §117.716, Delaware River, listed under New Jersey.

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§ 117.905 Schuylkill River.

(a) The following requirements apply to all drawbridges across the Schuylkill River:

(1) The draws of railroad bridges need not be opened when there is a train in the bridge block approaching the bridge with the intention of crossing, or within five minutes of the known time of the passage of a scheduled passenger train.

(2) The opening of a bridge may not be delayed more than five minutes for a highway bridge or 10 minutes for a

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railroad bridge, after the signal to open is given.

(3) The owners of drawbridges shall provide and keep in good legible condition two board gages painted white with black figures not less than six inches high to indicate the vertical clearance under the closed draw at all stages of the tide. The gages shall be so placed on the bridge that they are plainly visible to operators of vessels approaching the bridge either up or downstream.

(b) The Passyunk Avenue bridge, mile 3.5 at Philadelphia, shall open on signal at all times if at least four hours notice is given. Public vessels of the United States shall be passed as soon as possible at any time.

(c) The draw of the Conrail bridge, mile 5.5 at Grays Ferry Avenue, Philadelphia, shall open on signal; except that, on Saturdays and Sundays, the draw shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given. Public vessels of the United States shall be passed as soon as possible at any time.

(d) The draw of the University Avenue bridge, mile 6.2 at Philadelphia, shall open on signal at all times if at least two hours notice is given. Public vessels of the United States shall be passed as soon as possible at any time.

(e) The draw of the Conrail bridge, mile 6.4 near Christian Street, Philadelphia, shall open on signal if at least two hours notice is given.

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§ 117.907 Providence River.

The draw of the US1 (Point Street) bridge, mile 7.5 at Providence, need not be opened for the passage of vessels from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. At all other times, the draw shall open on signal if at least 24 hours notice is given to the Director of Public Works, City Hall, Providence. Public vessels of the United States, state and local vessels used for public safety, loaded, self-propelled cargo vessels, and assisting tugs shall be passed as soon as possible.